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METHODS FOR ISOLATION, QUANTIFICATION, CHARACTERIZATION AND MODULATION OF

ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELLS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE LETTER MAILED FEBRUARY 14, 2002 AND PETIZEON FROM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.14

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2002, in which the Examiner required both restriction to one of seven groups of inventions and the election of species in these groups.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 162, 163, 167, 168 and 176 as follows. A copy of the claims showing the exact changes and a clean copy are attached at the end of this response.

A method of identifying T cells specific for an antigen of interest 162. (Amended) comprising:

(a) obtaining a biological sample containing T cells which are specific for an antigen of

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